

Mining Daze gets underway today

Mining Daze is once again being held this year. Events begin today with a horseshoe pitching contest, continue this afternoon and tomorrow and wind up Friday night in the gym at a dance with music by Larry Rassberry and the High Steppers. Events are planned so that individuals and organizations may participate. Cash prizes will be given for individual winners and points will be tallied for organizational contests for the Sweepstakes winners.

This is the schedule of events and deadlines for today, tomorrow and Friday:

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Deadline for submission of Ugly Miner Candidate
11:00 a.m. Registration for horseshoe pitching deadline
11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Ugly Miner Voting
12:00 noon Registration for wheelbarrow race deadline
12:00 noon Horseshoe pitching contest - Horseshoe oval
12:30 p.m. Registration for Gambling Saloon deadline
1:00 p.m. Registration for Rootbeer chugging contest deadline.
1:00 p.m. Wheelbarrow race - Horseshoe Oval

2:00 p.m. Rootbeer chugging contest - Snackbar patio

TOMORROW

10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Gambling Saloon - College Union Ballroom
11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Ugly Miner Voting
11:00 a.m. Registration for sack race deadline
11:30 a.m. Registration for bake-off deadline

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JEB MAGRUDER

Gov. Bond committed to decision of Board

By LIZ JOHNSON

Gov. Christopher Bond is committed to support full-state funding for Missouri Southern and Missouri Western on the basis of remarks made recently in his office in Jefferson City.

Talking with two Chart reporters, Bond said he would "support the recommendation of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education" regarding the issue. On March 17 the Board voted to endorse full state funding for the two institutions.

H. LANG ROGERS OF CARTHAGE, the only member of the Board from the junior college district, abstained from voting. Rogers is also the only member of the Board who was a member of the Missouri Commission on Higher Education. The Coordinating Board, which was formed in July, replaced the Commission.

The Commission on Higher Education endorsed full state funding last year, and on the basis of that vote, Bond came out in favor of full state funding. The Commission, however, endorsed full state funding with the provision that MSSC and MWSC would remain undergraduate, commuter type colleges emphasizing technical and vocational type programs. The Coordinating Board has apparently placed no such limitations in their endorsement.

At the present time, William McCalpin, chairman, has not been confirmed by the Senate. According to Bond, "One reason the Senate has not confirmed Bill McCalpin is that they felt he was too friendly to junior and community colleges." McCalpin was a charter trustee of the St. Louis Junior College District and, according to Bond, "feels very strongly that junior colleges have the answers for the future."

Bond said he didn't know if the fact that the two colleges are governed by two boards each, a policy that has been criticized by certain members of the Coordinating Board, has held up final

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Magruder to speak Tuesday on Watergate involvement

Jeb Stuart Magruder, convicted Watergate conspirator will speak at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the College Gymnasium here on the campus of MSSC. Magruder's speech will deal with the Watergate break-in and the ethics of young America and will be followed by a "rap session." The talk will be a presentation of the College Union Board.

A former White House aid to former President Richard M. Nixon, Magruder was born in Staten Island, New York on Nov. 5, 1934. He received his B.A. from Williams College at Williamstown, Mass., in 1958 and his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1963. Magruder was married in 1959 and he and his wife Gail are the parents of four children.

Entering the profession of sales and advertising, as a young man, Magruder became a major sales program manager and

advisor for several companies including Jewel Tea in Chicago and the Crown Zellerbach company in San Francisco. It was in 1968 that Magruder's first associations with Richard Nixon arose when he was named the southern California regional coordinator for the Nixon-Agnew campaign. He was at one time a Special Assistant to the President in Washington during 1969 to 1971 and was also Deputy Director of Communications at the White House in 1970 and 1971. In 1971 and early 1972, Jeb Magruder held the position of Deputy Director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Magruder was found to be deeply immersed in the Watergate Scandal and was among the four Nixon workers authorized to approve of a "secret" campaign fund used to

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CUB plans votes on amendments

Students will vote Friday, April 11, on two proposed amendments to the constitution of the College Union Board.

Polling places will be in Hearn Hall, the College Union Building, and the Business Administration Building. Times for voting will be 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Proposed by the present College Union Board, the proposed amendments would add the program director (a faculty member) as a CUB officer and would provide for an attendance policy.

Specifically, the amendments to be voted on are as follows:

ONE: Proposed amendment to change Article 4 of the CUB constitution to read:

"The College Union Board shall be composed of three executive officers, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer, four committee chairmen: Films and

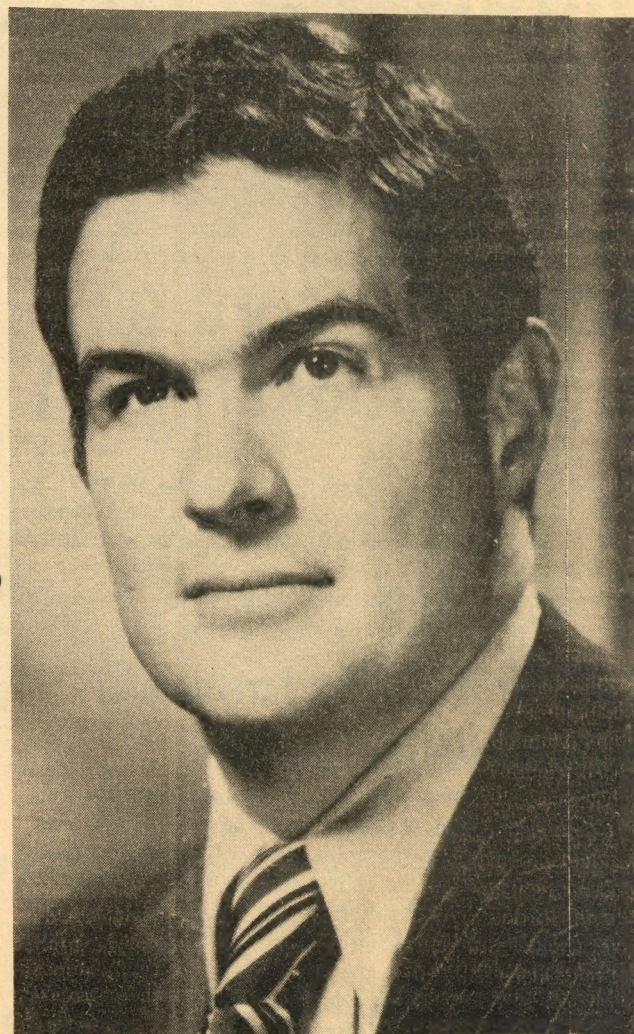
Recreation, Cultural Affairs, Lecture, and Dance. Also, there will be three students at large and the Program Director."

This proposed amendment changes the name of the Forum Committee to Lecture Committee, deletes the Dean of Women, the Dean of Men, the College Union Director, and a faculty representative and adds the Program Director, and it adds three students chosen at large.

TWO: Proposed additional article, Article XV:

"Attendance: Any College Union Board member shall be dropped from the membership of the College Union Board immediately after his-her fourth un-excused absence. The Board member shall be notified in writing following his-her third absence."

Currently the CUB has no attendance policy.



GOV. BOND



LARRY RASPBERRY

Third annual

Mining Daze gets underway

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12:00 noon Registration for molasses pouring contest deadline

12:15 Sack race - Horseshoe oval

1:00 Bake-off - College Union snack bar

2:15 Molasses pouring contest - Horseshoe oval

FRIDAY

10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Gambling Saloon - College Union Ballroom

11:30 a.m. Registration for Tug O'War contest deadline

1:00 p.m. Tug O'War contest - near the old swimming pool

2:30 p.m. Auction of prizes for Gambling Saloon Money - Horseshoe oval

9:00 to 12:00 midnight Dance, Announcement of Sweepstakes winners, Announcement of Ugly Miner winner

Sweepstakes prizes are \$200 for first, \$100 for second, and

\$50 for third places. Organizations must be present at the dance to win and collect prize money. The Ugly Miner must also be present at the dance to win. Events for organizations include; Ugly Miner, Gambling Saloon, Tug O'War, Wheel Barrow race, Sack race and Molasses pouring. For information concerning points allotted to these events for the sweepstakes prizes organizations should consult their Mining Daze booklet.

Events scheduled for individuals, but organizations are able to collect points by the number of contestants entering, are: Molasses pouring contest, \$10 first, \$5 second, \$3 third; Bake-off, \$20 first, \$15 second, \$10 third; Sack race, \$10 first, \$5 second, \$3 third; Horseshoe Pitching, \$10 first, \$5 second, \$3 third.

Larry Raspberry and the High Steppers are nationally known and have released two albums. Admission is one I.D. per couple. Mining Daze is sponsored by the Student Senate, any information needed can be obtained at the Student Senate office, C-107 and all registrations for events will take place there.

Gov. Bond commits himself to Board decision on funding

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action on the funding measure. But he felt that the House and Senate "would depend heavily on (the decision of) the institution that the Constitution and the legislature defined as the one to make all plans for higher education."

THE GOVERNOR ALSO said that he didn't know if there were any other institutions in the state that might soon be asking for full state funding and said that the decision of whether there was a need for more state colleges was "a responsibility that is lodged with the Coordinating Board."

"Previously we had every single institution of higher education vying separately for its funds and saying 'what we need' at this institution without considering whether there were similar facilities or programs available at other institutions. There were several instances cited in audits when I was in the auditor's office of courses being conducted at one particular

state college. They were duplicating courses given elsewhere. . .

Instances such as this convinced me and convinced the legislature that there has to be one—only one—body, one board charged with developing the overall plan. The best solution the legislature came up with was the Coordinating Board, he explained.

BOND OBVIOUSLY will rely heavily, if not solely, on the endorsement of the Coordinating Board if and when the bill for funding reaches his desk. He stated "the most important thing in making any significant change such as full funding, or any change in status, is the recommendation of the appropriate state department."

Bond has already recommended a "substantial increase in junior college funding right now on the basis of the Coordinating Board's recommendation."

The funding bill is considered almost certain to pass the Senate this year where it failed by one vote last year. And the chances in the House are rated "good." If Bond lives up to his statement, MSSC and MWSC should be fully funded in 1976.

Magruder to speak Tuesday

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finance intelligence gathering and intelligence espionage. Magruder also wrote a memo for then-President Nixon which argued that a "shotgunning" approach was not the best way to "get the media." Magruder recommended harassment of unfriendly new organizations by the Internal Revenue Service and the antitrust division of the Justice Department.

ACE sets April 9 organizational meet

An organizational meeting of the Association for Childhood Education has been scheduled for next Wednesday (April 9) at 12 noon in the CUB Dining Room B. All members of ACE are urged to attend. Other persons interested in childhood education also are invited.

Future activities and a membership drive will be discussed, and persons attending are asked to bring ideas.

South Hall planning vaudeville show

Tickets, at one dollar each, are now available for the second annual vaudeville show of South Hall. To be given at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, the vaudeville show will be presented by South Hall residents in the CUB snack bar.

Residents claim that the show will feature "outstanding talent, beautiful women, and live music" and say that "returning by popular demand" will be "Our Card Girl."

All campus personnel are invited to "dine and drink in elegance," according to the sponsors of the show.

Tickets are available at South Hall.

Jeb Stuart MAGRUDER IS ALSO THE Nixon worker credited with giving the first inside look at events leading up to and following the Watergate break-in. His statements saying that former Attorney General John Mitchell approved the break-in plans and participated in the cover-up of other high administrative officials made-up some of the most incriminating evidence later used by the prosecution in the Watergate trial earlier this year.

On May 21, 1974, Magruder pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the Watergate cover-up, and he was sentenced to a term of ten months to four years. He was released from prison earlier this year.

Magruder has written a book, "An American Life: One Man's Road to Watergate," and has lately been appearing on the lecture circuit.

4 to attend PTK convention

Phi Theta Kappa representatives will be attending their national convention in Philadelphia, April 3, 4, and 5. Members taking the trip are Bob Dampier, Tara Haddock, Bob Johnson and Pam White. The group will leave April 2 for Kansas City where they will take a chartered bus with students from Penn Valley Community College. Financing for the stay will come from their own funds and a grant of \$150 from the Student Senate to cover registration fees of \$30 per person. Included in the stay will be Phi Theta Kappa national elections, guest speakers and sight seeing. Students will return from the convention April 7.

Foreign language field day set

MSSC's annual Foreign Language Field Day is scheduled for April 19th. Over 300 area high schools are invited to attend the event sponsored by MSSC's Department of Language and Literature. This is the third year for the field day, which drew more than 500 participants last year. Hearnes Hall and the College Union Building will house the programs.

Purpose for the field day is to present an opportunity for high school students from the Four-State Area to put into action their language abilities and enter competition for prizes with other schools. French, Spanish and German are the languages for competition.

Three categories are open for competition: reading comprehension, oral comprehension and grammatical comprehension. Three levels are set for each examination: the first level is for first year students, the second level is composed of second year students, and the third level will be made up of third

and fourth year students. First, second and third place winners at each level will be awarded certificates of achievement. Trophies for sweepstake and runner-up will be given to the two schools with the highest team scores.

Four top students from each school may enter the "Culture Bowl". All but two will be eliminated by a preliminary test, these two schools will compete for first and second place trophies in all three languages. Skits and talent numbers may also be presented by each school. Spanish, French and German foods will be served at the college cafeteria for lunch.

Assisting throughout the day will be current MSSC foreign language students. Second floor lobby of Hearnes Hall will be the site of registration between 8:00 a.m. and 8:40 a.m., with tests starting at 9:00. Entry deadline will be Tuesday April 1. Information can be received from calling or writing Harold Bodon at MSSC.

Balloting to determine attitudes on \$10 fee

Voting to determine whether or not Missouri Southern students favor an increase in the student activity fee from five dollars to ten dollars takes place next Wednesday.

Polling places will be in the College Union Building, in Hearn Hall, and in the Business Administration building. Polls are open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

THE VOTING ON THE PROPOSED ten dollar activity fee will not be an official election. Results of the election are not binding, but results of voting will be taken before the college's boards of regents and trustees and if results indicate that a significant number of students do not object to the proposed increase, the trustees and regents will be asked to make the increase official for the fall semester.

Because the voting is an attempt to determine the "will of the student body," Student Senate President Phil Clark is asking that a large number of students participate in the voting. Unless the balloting is done by a significant number, the Senate may be unable to determine the general campus attitude, he explained.

Under the proposal the ten dollar fee would be assessed against all students regardless of the number of credit hours they are carrying. Presently the five dollar fee is assessed only against those students carrying eight hours or more.

INCREASED REVENUE from the ten dollar fee would be used to increase the budgets of both the College Union Board and the Student Senate, thereby allowing each body more

money with which to work. The effectiveness of both bodies would be increased, Clark says.

Both bodies claim to have been hampered in the past by insufficient funds and particularly are feeling the shortage of operating funds as the costs rise for "big name" entertainers and other campus enrichment programs.

The five dollar activity fee was established in 1970 and has remained unchanged.

Quiz kids, note: College Bowl set

College Bowl, an annual event sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa is scheduled for April 21 through April 23. A battle of wits in which each campus organization is invited to compete will be held in the College Union Ballroom in the afternoons. Each organization may enter one or two teams consisting of four members each. An individual student is allowed to participate on one team only. Two teams is the maximum entry for each organization. Clubs entering should contact Judith Grant, H 301, by April 7, 1975. Announcement of schedules will be made by April 14. Fee is five dollars per team. Cash awards will be given. Organizations wishing to enter but missing the deadline should notify Ms. Grant.

Election filing opens April 14

Filing of candidates for executive offices of the Student Senate and all officers of the College Union Board will open April 14. Deadline for filing of office is April 21. Primary election will be held April 23 and the general election will be April 25.

Executive officers of the Student Senate are President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Clerk.

College Union Board offices are Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Cultural Affairs Chairman, Dance Chairman, Lecture Chairman, and Films and Recreation Chairman.

Depending on the election outcome of the CUB proposals, there may be three students-at-large representatives in addition to the CUB officers on the CUB election ballot.

Qualifications for executive offices in the Senate and all offices in the CUB are that a student must be enrolled as full-time student (12 hours) and must have a 2.0 or "C" grade point average. Also, no student may attain membership o- eeeeeeeSenate and the College Union Board.

Petitions may be picked up in Room 130 Hearn Hall and returned there.

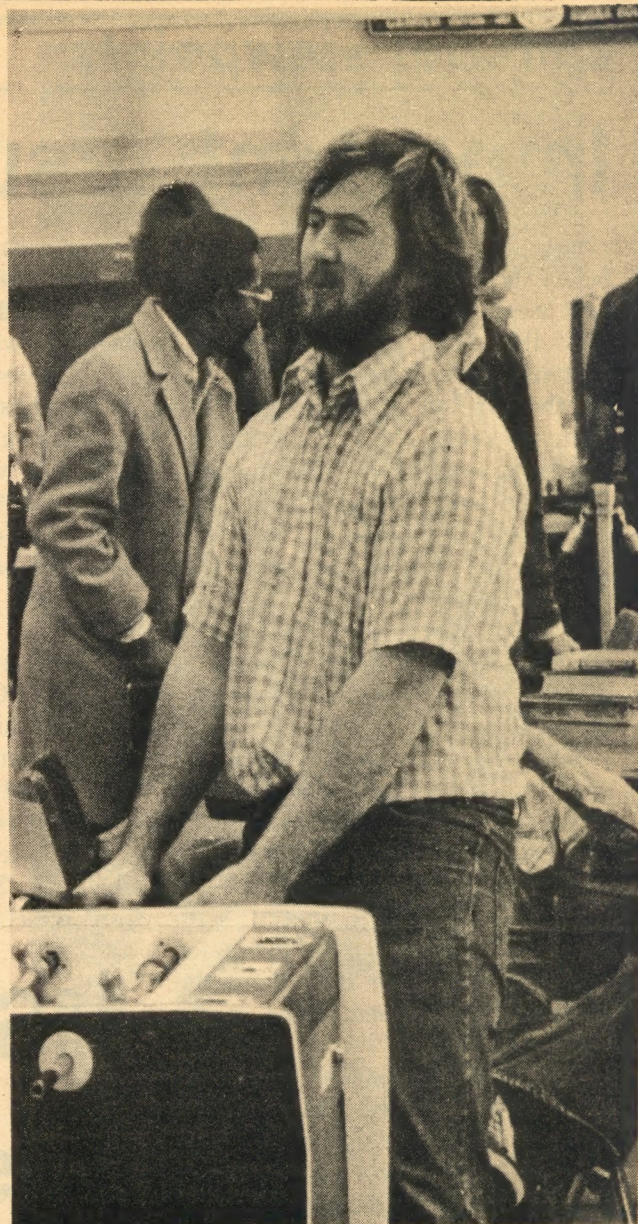
Bike-a-Thon will aid retarded

The annual Bike-A-Thon to benefit retarded children and adults gets underway this Saturday, beginning with registration from 8-9 a.m. at Cunningham Park.

Last year some 350 participants raised \$5,175 for retarded activities in the area. Various routes are available through the country south of Joplin with routes ranging from five miles to 60 miles. Intermediate routes include 30, 40, 45, 50, and 55 miles. Lunch is provided for all cyclists and many country stores are located along the way.

PERSONS WISHING to participate may pick up sponsorship forms in The Chart office or in the Student Senate office in the College Union Building. The forms are used to get sponsors who agree to pay a given amount for each mile ridden.

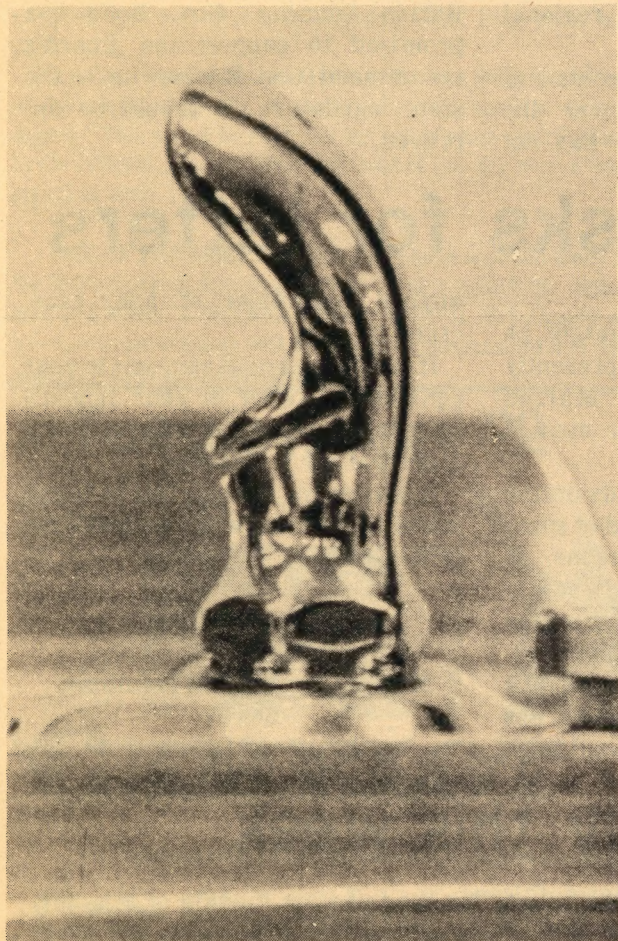
Bikes will be inspected Saturday morning for proper tire inflation, adequate braking capabilities, handle bar and seat adjustment, and safety repairs that are feasible will be done on the spot. These repairs will be made with the help of the Jaycees



ED SCORSE enjoys the growing leisure sport of foosball in the College Union.

There's a dance!

College Union Board will sponsor a Spring Formal on Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in the CU-Ballroom, featuring "The Queen City Punks" from Springfield. Dress may be formal or semi-formal. Admission is free to MSSC students.



FAMILIAR TO ALL, but sometime unappreciated, is the common drinking spout on a campus water fountain. Shined, glistening, and reflecting the absence of care, it simply waits.

and the Veterans Club of MSSC and local bike shops.

Two way radio communication and traffic control will be through Jasper County React and the National Guard.

Supervision of participants will be under the direction of the Highway Patrol, Sheriff's office, and the Joplin Police Department in their respective areas.

AN INSURANCE POLICY will be in effect the entire day of the ride to cover any mishaps. First aid will be provided by the Naval Reserve and National Guard Corpsmen.

Participating organizations include the Jasper County YARC, CARC, ARC, the Joplin Jaycees, Naval Reserves, National Guard, Jasper County REACT, Tristate Wheelmans Association, Bicycle Explorer Post, Veterans Club, and MSSC sororities and fraternities.

The various associations for the retarded are non-profit, tax exempt associations which devise programs to aid all mentally retarded citizens from birth to death.

Course in cartooning begins tomorrow

A seven week course in "the art of cartooning," offered through the division of continuing education, will get underway at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Room 307 of the Art Building. The class, taught by Nick Frising, an area free-lance cartoonist who has sold works professionally, will meet from 7-9 p.m. each Thursday. Offered for non-credit, the course will cost enrollees \$15.

Purpose of the course will be to teach students to draw cartoons and develop cartoon characters and methods of selling cartoons to local and national markets. Frising says it is not necessary to be an artist in order to cartoon. More important, he

says, is the development of an individual style.

The development of a cartoon gag line will be taught as well as the various uses of cartoons. Record keeping of cartoons will be taught as well as single-panel cartoons, cartoon strips, and stress will be places on political cartooning. A history of the cartoon will be presented and the student will be encouraged to put his knowledge to work with constructive criticism available at all times.

Regularly enrolled students at MSSC may enroll in the class as well as other interested persons.

Editorial viewpoints:

Important issues face voters next week

Two important elections loom before Missouri Southern students next week.

In the first, next Wednesday, students are asked to vote on whether or not to approve a \$10 student activity fee. The current fee is \$5. Reasons for the election have been detailed in recent issues of The Chart. A full explanation has been made as to how money from the current fee is spent and indications have been given as to how future revenues would be spent. Therefore, it is up to the student body now to decide.

Undoubtedly, many have no opinions. These are perhaps the same ones who wondered why The Chart devoted so much space to analyzing budgets of the Senate and the College Union Board. Undoubtedly some who have no opinion have none because they have not tried to inform themselves of the issues involved.

Some, perhaps, oppose the idea of increasing a fee because of economic conditions or because they continue to expect a lot from nothing. The truth is, however, that Southern's activity fee is low, extremely low in comparison to nearby universities, and even at \$10 will be lower than Southwest Missouri State University's \$30 fee.

The Chart believes the increase should be approved. We support it. We urge its adoption. But of even more importance, we believe, is the necessity for students to turn out en masse to cast their ballots. We think that if 2,000 students were to vote, a good indication of the fee's acceptance could be presented to the Regents and Trustees and that the fee would have a good chance of being enacted.

We ask each of you to vote. We urge you to vote in favor. But please, vote.

On Friday, April 11, the College Union Board is holding an election to determine the fate of two constitutional amendments. Both are

honest attempts to bring some modernization to its constitution. The amendments proposed fall far short of what is needed, but certainly deserve our attention.

The first would make minor changes in the composition of the CUB and would add three student representatives chosen at large. The second would establish an attendance policy. Both are explained elsewhere in this edition of The Chart.

The amendments deserve passage. Other amendments are needed, however, and we urge further consideration of the needs of the constitution. But the two proposed form a beginning.

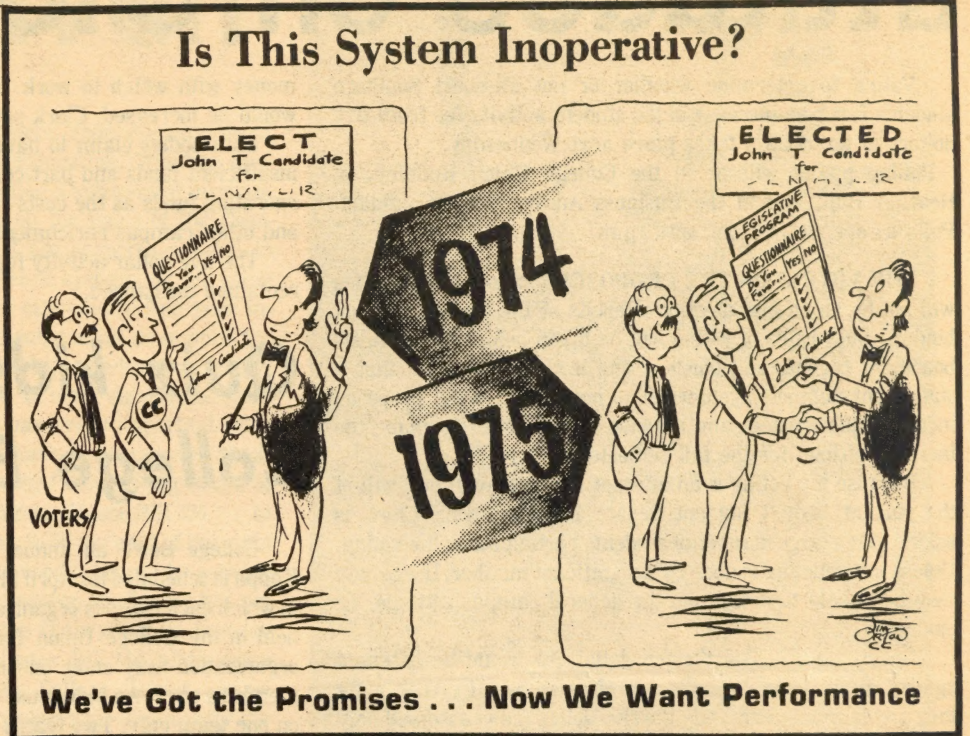
All students should vote in both elections. The decisions to be made are important ones and will effect us all.

MSSC finally comes of age, deserves full state funding

When Missouri Southern was first established, it was, essentially, a community college serving Jasper County and portions of Newton, Lawrence, and Barton counties. The college drew the vast bulk of its students from these counties.

Now, however, its sphere of influence has extended beyond the immediate four-county area. More and more students are from outlying areas, and even from the largest metropolitan area of the state. Indeed, Missouri Southern has become a regional college for southwest Missouri.

In a sense, therefore, Missouri Southern has come of age, and it is becoming increasingly unfair to expect residents of the four-county area to support by their taxes an institution which no longer serves only their residents.



Full state funding has become a necessity.

The Coordinating Board of Higher Education for Missouri has taken note of this fact and has endorsed full state funding for Missouri Southern. Indeed, it was a Kansas City board member, Eugene Strauss, who said the college was deserving of full state support because it had become a regional college.

Too, there has been the problem of dual boards of control over the college, a situation which has not

plagued Missouri Southern as it has Missouri Western, perhaps, but one which has created all manners of bookkeeping nightmares and problems.

The time has come for full state funding. It has the support of the Coordinating Board, of the residents of Jasper, Newton, Lawrence, and Barton Counties. Gov. Bond has promised to support the Board's recommendation. It is now up to the state legislature. It should be approved.

Inmate asks for letters

Dear Editor:

I am wondering if you might be able to help me. I am presently incarcerated at the Marion Correctional Institution for men at Marion, Ohio.

I have no family or friends on the outside and I am in due need of some correspondence with someone. A letter or just a few words would make this seemingly endless period of time a little more bearable.

I am 23 years old, white male. I am fairly well versed in many areas and would like to correspond with

anyone regardless of age, race, creed or sex.

If possible I would appreciate your running my letter in your school's newspaper or just an ad requesting a pen-pal for a prisoner.

In any event I would like to thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
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'Chart' early this week

Because of the press of news, this edition of The Chart is appearing earlier in the week than usual and also earlier in the schedule than planned. Because of an attempt to provide some background material

on the full-state funding of Missouri Southern, we are devoting a great deal of space to that matter, hoping that we may be able to provide some historical perspective on the subject.



ROBERT ELLIS YOUNG

Webster sees victory for fund bill in Senate

By LIZ JOHNSON

The Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education, an organization which recently made a decision that may well be the basis for Gov. Bond's support or lack of support for full state funding, was viewed as having "very little interest in the public sector," by State Sen. Richard M. Webster, R-Carthage, in statements directed to Chart reporters in Jefferson City last month.

The board, in a meeting in early February, discussed the full state funding matter and several remarks were made by members to the effect that 1.6 million dollars was a lot to spend to solve "an administrative mess" at Missouri Southern and Missouri Western. Some rather harsh remarks made by Jack Cross, commissioner for higher education, and John Biggs, St. Louis, and other board members were quoted in an article in the Kansas City Times the next day.

As a result of this publicity, Biggs sent a personal letter to Sen. Webster, and Webster, in turn, gave the original to The Chart.

IN THE CORRESPONDENCE, jointly addressed to Webster and Sen. Truman Wilson of St. Joseph, Biggs said, "I am very much concerned about the misunderstanding that has arisen concerning the Board of Higher Education's actions relating to the bill to provide full funding for Missouri Western and Missouri Southern." In the same paragraph Biggs wrote, "I should say at the outset that this letter is a personal one from me to you and has not been cleared with anyone else on the Coordinating Board."

Later in the letter, Biggs admits, "In fact, I have never even seen the bill and I am not sure today what the exact provisions are." Webster had expressed amazement that the board had come with a 1.6 million dollar figure which was, he said, 40 per cent higher than the actual cost. "Here is the man (Cross) who is supposed to know everything," Webster said, "and they came up with the 1.6 million figure." The senator noted that a fiscal note with the cost was attached to the bill. "The only conclusion to be drawn is that if any board member had seen the bill and had an idea of the cost, that member didn't mention it," Sen. Webster said.

Sen Webster said he recently had lunch with Sen. Wilson and Biggs. In Webster's words, Biggs "expressed regret that he had spoken before he knew what was going on."

AN INTERESTING POINT in Biggs' letter was his statement that "Our board has only been in existence for seven months now and started with laymen who, though they may have had broad financial experience, had no specific higher education experience."

One problem the board has encountered is that the chairman, F. William McCalpin, St. Louis, has never received Senate confirmation. (Vice-chairmen Mrs. Virginia G. Young is acting as chairman presently.) According to Gov. Bond, McCalpin's enthusiastic attitude toward junior and community colleges has delayed the confirmation. Sen. Webster stated different reasons. "His attitude toward private colleges" is what has delayed confirmation, Webster explained. "There has been an attempt by private colleges to dip into state funds." He went on to say that "the basic problem is that they (the private colleges) were set up for a particular reason and now they are obsolete."

Webster feels that "the prognosis in the Senate is very good" regarding the bill. "At the present time we have 19 votes committed," he said. (Only 18 are needed for passage.) And the Carthage lawyer said, "I have sufficient votes to get it out of (the budget control) committee."

Webster noted that the effort for full-state funding has been non-partisan. "The nature of the Senate is that we will never have a party line vote," he said, even on a resolution criticizing the governor.

With Sen. Webster's strong belief that the Senate will pass the funding bill, and with Rep. Robert Ellis Young feeling the bill has a good chance in the House, it appears that if the Coordinating Board for Higher Education will make a recommendation to Gov. Bond for full funding, the chances are better than ever that the measure can reach reality during this legislative session.

Bill's chances good in House says Rep. Robert E. Young

By LIZ JOHNSON

Rep. Robert E. Young, R-Carthage, is optimistic concerning chances for the MSSC-MWSC full-state funding bill to pass the Missouri House of Representatives.

Young clarified, "I think we've got a lot of support, but it doesn't pay to take votes for granted." The bill has a better chance to pass during this legislative session than in previous ones, Young was quick to say.

THE STATE SENATE is more likely to take first action on the funding bill this year, because of its position on the calendar, but Young emphasized that "the original thrust came from the House." Whichever chamber may first take action is not as important to the Carthage representative as that action is

taken. "I simply want the matter to move," said the man who introduced the funding bill in 1963.

Young felt that Gov. Bond, who stated in an interview that same day that his decision concerning the bill would rely heavily on the decision of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education, would "get with it" as the Senate drive for full funding begins.

Young apparently feels that there has been some misunderstanding concerning the functions of the two boards that administer MSSC. "The thing that doesn't get through is that the original law gives the Board of Regents authority to operate over all four years." He went on to explain that the Board of Trustees exists only for the purpose of collecting the tax that supports the junior college division and to oversee the financing of new buildings.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN WAS, in the beginning, a grass-roots program," and "the fact is that the House side was more responsible for the introduction of the bill."

This public interest in the state funding issue has drive, according to Young. "I think you have public support for the ideal of public education in that area, he said. Young, in a reference to Dr. Leon Billingsly and the two governing boards, emphasized that the college had "been blessed with tremendous leadership."

Young also said that "the people in that area owe a great debt to Roi Wood. He had the vision to expand the junior college." Along this line, Young added, "I think we have a stronger program because we have a stronger base."

Young was critical of the support former Gov. Warren Hearnes gave the college. According to Young, Hearnes was an example of a person who had gotten "massive credit," more than Young felt he deserved. "Hearnes was grabbing onto a band wagon that was already rolling," he elaborated.

Young also said, "I think I have enjoyed my efforts on behalf of MSSC more than any other legislative efforts."

Veterans Club plans elections for year

Veterans Club will conduct elections for next year's officers April 24-25 in the College Union Board, but first they need candidates.

Persons who are members of the Veterans Club may file next week (April 7-11) in the office of Bobby Martin, campus veterans' counselor, for offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Candidates for offices must be veterans and when filing will be asked to give reasons for seeking office.

Elections will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on each of the two days, April 24-25.

All persons who are veterans or receiving veterans' benefits of any kind (such as war orphans' benefits) are invited to attend meetings of the club. Meeting times and places are announced in the "This Week on Campus" bulletin and on campus bulletin boards.

CIRUNA hosts meet

CIRUNA, the history and political science club of Missouri Southern State College, will hold its annual history conference today in the third floor ballroom of the College Union building. An attempt is made through the program for students from the participating high schools to experience what life was like during the chosen time period.

The years 1917 through 1919 are to be viewed by the conference. Students will be established as senate members representing various states. They will introduce resolutions on the topics of women's suffrage, prohibition, and the entry of the United States into World War Two. These subjects will be open to the senate for study and debate.

Text of Biggs' letter released

Following is the full text of the letter written by John H. Biggs, member of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, to State Senators Richard Webster of Carthage and Truman Wilson of St. Joseph. (The letter is referred to in the story about Sen. Webster.)

"Dear Senators:

"I am very much concerned about the misunderstanding that has arisen concerning the Board of Higher Education's actions relating to the bill to provide full funding for Missouri Western and Missouri Southern. I have just had a chance to read the article in the Kansas City newspaper and I can well see the manner in which our position was misconstrued. I should say at the outset that this letter is a personal one from me to you that has not been cleared with anyone else on the Coordinating Board.

"FIRST WE SHOULD make it very clear that we did not take a position against the bill. We did not have nearly enough information at hand to take a position on the bill and quite properly, I think, deferred any action by our Board until that information was made available to us.

"At the very end of our meeting the Board's staff brought forward as an urgent matter for the Board's consideration the question of whether we wanted to take a position for or against a bill to change Missouri Southern and Missouri Western to "full funded" state institutions. This was the first time that the Board or any committee of the Board officially discussed this matter in any depth. We did ask a lot of questions about the bill and we did not receive any satisfactory answers.

"I think it is important to remember that none of the sup-

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Full text of interview with Gov. Bond given

The interview with Gov. Bond was conducted in his capitol office in Jefferson City at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, by Chart reporters Liz Johnson and Steve Smith. The preliminary informal conversation was an exchange of greetings with Gov. Bond's remarking that he was granting The Chart an exclusive interview. The formal conversation, or interview, followed. Here is a complete transcript of that interview as recorded on tape with the Governor's permission:

CHART: Most of our questions today are going to be on full-state funding.

GOV. BOND: Fine.

CHART: The fact that MWSC and MSSC are governed by two boards is an administrative policy that has been criticized by such persons as Jack Cross, commissioner of higher education. Do you think this policy effects full-state funding for these two institutions?

GOV. BOND: I don't know. But I think the most important thing in making any significant change such as full funding or any change in status is the recommendaion of the appropriate state department. This was, of course, the Commission on Higher Education. And the second plan of the Commission on Higher Education endorsed full state funding for Missouri Southern and Missouri Western with the proviso that they remain undergraduate, a commuter type college emphasizing the technical and vocational type programs. But the new Coordinating Board which is the successor board to the old commission now has the responsibility for making that decision. They have not yet acted on that, and I would think that any action in the legislature would depend heavily upon the institution that the Constitution and the legislature defined as the one to make all plans for higher education. In other words, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education is the one which has the responsibility for insuring an effective, orderly system of higher education throughout the state.

CHART: Have they—or has anyone—made any plans or any suggestions about how the current administration of these two schools could be handled in any better way than with full-state funding involved?

GOV. BOND: I don't know if they have made any or not. That would be a good question to ask the coordinating board.

CHART: Do you think there is a need in the state for two more full-funded state institutions?

GOV. BOND: That's why we set up the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. That is really a very important responsibility that is lodged with the Coordinating Board. Previously we had every single institution of higher education vying separately for its funds and saying what "we need" at this institution without considering whether there were similar facilities or programs available at other institutions. There were several instances cited in audits when I was in the auditor's office of courses being conducted at one particular state college. They were duplicating courses given elsewhere and without very large enrollments. Instances such as this - convinced me and convinced the legislature that there has to be one-only one-body, one board charged with developing the overall plan. The best solution the legislature came up with was the coordinating board.

CHART: Are there any other colleges in the state which might be in position to request full state funding in the future?

GOV. BOND: I don't know currently what the statistics look like. I suppose that if there were shown by any legislature that there is a need for additional colleges, the Coordinating Board is set up to determine where that need exists and which institution would be best suited to the need.

CHART: If the measure for full state funding would be presented in two separate bills—one for MWSC and one for MSSC—would that make any better the chances for passage of either one?

GOV. BOND: I think the important thing is what the Coordinating Board does.

CHART: How do you rate the chances right now for the bill to pass?

GOV. BOND: I don't know.

CHART: What are the main objections you've heard to full-state funding?

GOV. BOND: I Don't think it's particularly objections so much a question of what the higher education needs are and how we spend the dollars we have. We have only about 15-16 million dollars additional for higher education in the state of Missouri. I the budget I've recommended continues to do the most with

the dollars we have. It's a question of establishing priorities. There are many desirable programs, and the Coordinating Board is responsible to recommend the priorities in higher education.

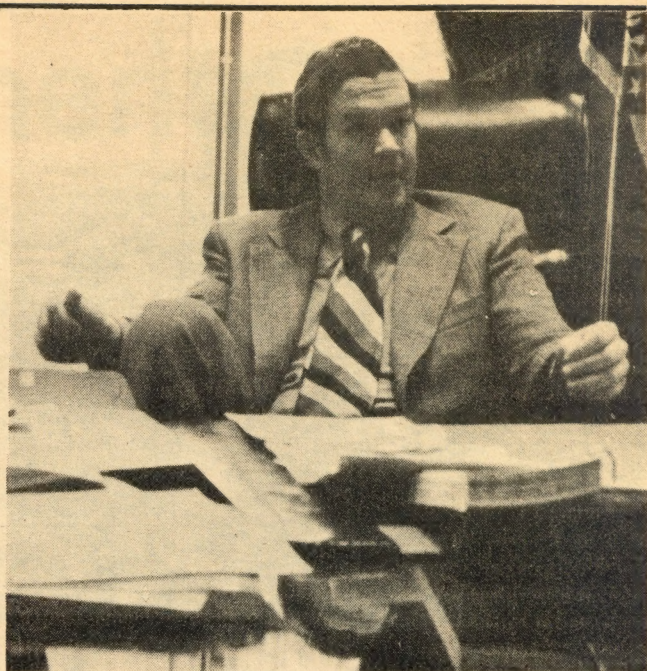
CHART: This bill has come up in the past legislative sessions. Do you think its chances are any better now than they were?

GOV. BOND: I don't know. You'd better talk to the legislative leaders.

CHART: What is your official stand on full-state funding?

GOV. BOND: That I will await the recommendation of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The Commission on Higher Education made its recommendation to the last legislature. I supported that recommendation, and now I await

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GOV. CHRISTOPHER BOND

Bond says he has 'no ambitions' for office other than governor

Gov. Christopher Bond, who has been mentioned as a possible vice-presidential candidate in 1976, said he had no interest in that job and that he felt that "the job I'm in right now holds the greatest challenge and the greatest opportunity."

Talking with two Chart reporters in his office in the capitol building, Bond said "I have no plans outside this office."

BOND DISCUSSED the future of the Republican Party and was optimistic concerning coming elections. "I think the real key to how the Republican Party does nationally is how well President Ford does....I think his quiet, effective and open way in his manner is going to restore confidence, and I think he is going to be able to develop programs to meet pressing economic, energy, inflation, recession problems, that face the nation. And if he does that, I think, portions of the party will pick up nationally," he said.

"The actions of President Nixon and Vice-President Agnew hurt the Republican Party nationally," he said. In order to strengthen the party nationwide, the party must "continue to support its traditional positions of fairness in campaign financing and practices, with emphasis on eliminating problems of divisiveness." Bond said he felt that that had been accomplished in Missouri and "in other states the Republican Party is beginning to do that up to the national level."

The Republican Party needs to "expand our base and show that we are concerned with the real needs of the people and the nation," according to Bond.

BOND EXPRESSED the opinion that "the Republican philosophy, which emphasizes free enterprise, individual needs and freedom, with the emphasis on effective state and local government, is the one which best suits the needs of the people. To the extent we develop effective, responsible and calculated programs, then I think we can regain the momentum we lost last year."

"It would be disastrous for the Republican Party to fall in the trap of devouring ourselves and canonizing other Republicans," he warned.

Commenting on the effects of the formation of a third party of conservatives, Bond concluded, "We have a two-party system, and if the conservatives left the Republican party and the Republican Party split itself into Republicans and Republican-Conservatives, it would assure the continued strength of the Democratic Party and would assure the adoption of the Democratic congressional policy, which has generally been a larger and more expensive federal government as the solution to every problem."

SEA plans rummage

Missouri Southern Student Education Association is requesting donation of items for a rummage sale to help raise funds for the organization. Anyone having items to donate are asked to call Ann Rainey at 781-3184.

Text of Biggs' letter released

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porters of the bill ever presented any information to us to indicate why the bill should be passed. Neither of the two institutions had ever spoken a word concerning the bill or concerning the issue. Given this lack of information on our part, I think it would have been entirely inappropriate for us to take any kind of stand against the bill or in support of it. In fact, I have never even seen the bill and I am not sure today what the exact provisions of it are. The staff supported a favorable position on the bill, but their reasons seemed to us largely bureaucratic arguments; they pointed out that it was hard to allocate costs between the two parts of the schools, it was hard to manage with two boards, the statistical data on enrollments confuses our state wide reporting system, etc. In response to one of our members' questions, there was no information available as to the dollar amount that would be lost by each of the schools in local revenue. Someone on the staff came up with a guess at \$1,600,000 for the total losses. On a matter of this importance I don't like operating on guesses and I did make the comment that I thought \$1,600,000 was a lot of money to pay to get our statistics right. (I think other quotes in the newspaper were twisted to support a story describing our position as one of opposition rather than neutrality.)

"I AM SURE the two of you realize there are important state wide financial implications whenever any of our institutions have basic structural changes made in their financial

operations. We took the positive step of directing the staff to dig into this subject, to develop hard factual information for us, to ask the proponents of the bill to tell us reasons for its passage, to give the affected institutions a chance to state their views so that the Board could then make a responsible judgment. I think it is fair and reasonable at times for a public body such as ours to insist on adequate information and time before making a very important recommendation. Furthermore, we think even then that the Board would be derelict if it didn't examine this issue in the light of the financing system for other junior colleges and senior colleges in the state.

"Our Board has been in existence for seven months now and started with laymen who, though they may have had broad financial experience, had no specific higher education experience. I think we have done a reasonable job in working on a number of extremely complex and important issues. We apologize to you for not having tackled the issue of funding for Missouri Western and Missouri Southern as first priority. The junior college financial problem and the general budget recommendations took an enormous amount of time for our Board last fall.

"I hope very much to have a chance to talk to each of you at some time concerning this question and others in higher education."

Sincerely,
John H. Biggs

Community effort helps college

By STEVE SMITH
Associate Editor

The development of college education in Jasper County has been one of slow but steady progress since its beginning with Joplin Junior College in the late 1930s to the construction of the new auditorium and football stadium on the campus of its descendant, Missouri Southern State College this year. The past few weeks and the coming weeks, however, could be epochal in the future development and change of MSSC because of the identical bills now in both the Missouri Senate and House that would grant the college full state funding. This bill has repeatedly failed in recent year but seems close to passage at the present time. In light of these recent events it seems timely, then, to retrospect the beginnings of the dreams of a few men that eventually came to be Missouri Southern State College.

Joplin Junior College first began classes in the school year of 1937-38 and, in contrast to MSSC's present enrollment of over 3,000 students, had only 52 students. These first students attended the college on an experimental basis and took courses offered through the University of Missouri extension service. The college, supported by the Joplin School district, was at first housed in the same structure as the city's high school and the students were instructed by some nine members of the high school faculty.

In September of 1938, JJC moved to a new location at 4th and Byers Avenue with H.E. Blaine placed in the position of dean, an office he retained until 1947. It was during these years that Joplin Junior College gained status and programs with a full two-year program of college courses and technical courses being available at the Franklin Technical School. In 1958, the college moved to its final site at Eighth and Wall, the structure that now houses Memorial High School in Joplin.

IT WAS IN 1963, then, when Joplin Junior College was well settled in its new location, that factions in the state legislature drafted a bill that would have established a four-year branch of the University of Missouri in Jasper county with the two-year Joplin Junior College as its base. Joplin Globe managing editor Rex Newman echoed the assertions of many of the backers of the idea in January of 1963 when he said that to make the chances for an MU branch in the county more favorable something like a "two-hundred acre site" should be offered, "preferably on the east side of Joplin so as to make it more easily accessible to the remainder of the county and also to potential students from nine or ten other Southwest Missouri counties."

Four months later the bill was well underway in the legislature, having passed the House by a resounding vote and clearing committee hurdles in the senate. The bill provided for a full MU branch to be offered at Joplin and St. Joseph, after the local community provided the necessary buildings and equipment. Major proponents of the bill were Senators Richard Webster and John E. Downs of Carthage, and Representatives Robert E. Young of Carthage, Robert Warden of Joplin and James Williams of St. Joseph. It was Williams who first introduced the bill in its original form. Representative Warden later amended the measure to include Joplin as well as St. Joseph as a target area.

The measure easily passed both the Senate and the House and in late June of 1963 was sent to Governor John Dalton for his signature. Dalton held the future of the new college in his hands and, at that time, his approval seemed almost assured. Earlier in the year he had met with Dr. Elmer Ellis, president of the University of Missouri and Fred Hughes, chairman of the citizen's committee that backed the proposal and was interpreted as being in favor of the proposal.

BUT EVIDENTLY GOV. DALTON had undergone a change of mind since that March meeting. In a move that shocked many of the citizens of Jasper county, Dalton vetoed the bill a month later saying that he thought it would be moving "a little too fast" to set up MU branches at Joplin and St. Louis and Kansas City.

The veto, however, only made those who wanted a four-year college in Southwest Missouri more determined to achieve their goal. Rep. Robert Warden accused Dalton of "burying his head in the sand" and other legislators vowed to re-introduce the bill in the next legislative session.

In April of 1964 another important step on the road to a four-year college in Jasper County was taken when voters approved a new county college district by a resounding three to one margin. The formation of the new district, which would take over the administration of Joplin Junior College, meant that all Jasper County residents as well as residents in small portions of surrounding counties would share support of the institution.

After the veto of the first college bill by Gov. Dalton in 1963 it became clear that the establishment of such a district would be a necessary preliminary step to the formation of a four year college in the county. Voters also elected a board of trustees to administer the new junior college, which remains in its form as the first two years of MSSC as it is today. Elected as trustees in the vote were Thomas E. Taylor of Carthage, Norval Matthews of Webb City, Elvin Ummel of Jasper and Gene Taylor of Sarcoxie. This type of administration and county-supported junior college remains today as the first two years program of MSSC.

ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT of importance came in October of 1964 when Secretary of State and Democratic candidate for governor Warren E. Hearnes said that he would recommend a four-year college for Jasper County in his message to the state General Assembly. His endorsement of the college became a major campaign issue, especially in this area, with his campaign "pledge" to support the college should he be elected.

But Hearnes' support did not come until after a major fund-raising drive was kicked off in mid-July of 1964 to raise some \$300,000 for the purchase of a 230-acre tract of land and the nucleus of a building fund. In fact, Hearnes' endorsement did not come until after the Jasper County College Fund drive had exceeded its goal. Morgan Hillhouse, a Joplin businessman was the chairman of the funding committee known as "Friends of the Junior College." The drive began with a \$100,000 gift from another Joplin businessman and philanthropist.

In Carthage, Rep. Robert Ellis Young (R) of the Eastern district praised selection of the Mission Hills farm area as the location for the new college and suggested that the institution should be named Mission Hills College. It was Young along with Rep. Robert Warden (R) of Joplin and Sen. Richard Webster (R) of Carthage who worked to pass the earlier \$240,000 appropriation for the state's share of the operation costs vetoed a year earlier by Governor John Dalton.

With the monies collected by the "Friends of the Junior College," derived solely from donations by area residents, the college district bought from Mrs. F.C. Wallower, for the price of \$65,000 the tract of land that is now the center of MSSC. A 70-acre tract, south of Newman road and west of Duquesne Road had been purchased earlier. And the board of trustees earlier purchased an 80-acre tract from Mr. and Mrs. Max Whitehead.

IN DECEMBER OF THAT SAME YEAR the Missouri Commission on Higher Education released the results of a study made by Dr. George L. Hall of the University of Michigan who was retained by the commission to conduct a survey of higher education needs in the St. Joseph and Joplin areas. The study by Dr. Hall recommended State support for the new Jasper County Junior College and also the creation of a state-controlled senior college. The latter recommendation was novel to Missouri, since no similar colleges existed in the state, although they had been established in other areas of the country. It was Dr. Hall who also suggested that the senior college, with the junior and senior grade level, be operated independently from the present junior college and be put under a board of control.

The recommendation for this type of administrative structure turned, for the first time, many residents' conception of the four-year college in Southwest Missouri away from the idea of a junior and senior year branch of Missouri University being located in Joplin and towards the structure that now exists.

It was only a year from the time that the fund-raising drive was kicked off in Jasper County to the passage of Missouri House Bill 210 on July 22, 1965, that created Missouri Southern College. The passage of the bill marked the end of a long fight by not only legislators but the citizens of the college district. Needless to say college officials and lawmakers were jubilant and praised the compromise bill in the Senate that created MSSC in Joplin and MWSC in St. Joseph. The compromise came when the House approved the bill on the basis of an independent state college. Fred Hughes, president of the JJC board of trustees called the new college's formation "one of the greatest things that ever happened to Jasper County and cited the efforts of Sen. Webster and Representatives Young and Warden in guiding the compromise measure through the House and Senate.

IN AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY held on South Main street in Joplin a crowd watched as Governor Hearnes stepped from a flatbed truck into the street to sign the bill. After signing the bill, the governor's wife unveiled a new street marker at Thirty-third street, officially renaming South Main as Hearnes Boulevard. In

a luncheon held later that same day Fred Hughes, president of the MSSC board of trustees bestowed another honor of Hearnes's. He announced the naming of the administration building to be constructed on the Mission Hills site as "Hearnes Hall," saying "We are convinced that if it had not been for the support of Governor Hearnes, the Missouri Southern State College would have never seen the light of day."

These accolades of praise for Governor Hearnes that came from many most likely did not anger but did and still do slightly chagrin many of the legislators who worked extremely hard for the passage of the bill and had for several years. One such legislator is Rep. Robert Young (R) of Carthage in the 136th district. Rep. Young, the rotund and eloquent representative who proposed an MU branch for Joplin Junior College summed up his feelings in his office in the capitol recently when he said "The thrust to develop the college was originally legislative rather than coming from Warren Hearnes." Rep. Young stated that he felt candidate Hearnes' support for the establishment was a shrewd political move and an extremely intelligent one at the time but did little to actually move the bill onward.

Representative Young also is critical of the Senate's work with the measure saying that "In 1965 in the House version of the bill, operating expenses were included but not in the Senate. This operating expense was the most important section of the law."

Rep. Young, however gives a great deal of recognition to the people of Jasper County who joined up together to form their own college. "Many members of the legislature," he says, "sat there supinely and called the invective and Warren Hearnes sat there supinely and signed the bill."

THE REPRESENTATIVE PRAISED the college and says it has been by the tremendous leadership of the Board of Regents and that of president Leon Billingsly and also has benefitted by the support of the public for higher education.

"In a few short years we have now attained full public education on a sixteen-year basis. The people in operation have had the vision to emphasize the technical and vocational side of the college's programs. The right emphasis is given on the academic side for all majors."

Very wisely, he says the planners of the college put it on the

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NATURE'S BEAUTY MARK might be one way of describing a gnarled campus tree.

MSSC heir to proud heritage

By LARRY DYMOTT
(Chart Staff Writer)

At the top of the hill on the far western end of the Missouri Southern campus stands the center of a proud heritage for southwest Missouri and for Missouri Southern. This center, the Mission Hills Estate mansion, is representative of the fine design and planning which made the home and its total physical plant a productive cattle ranch and beautiful suburban showplace.

According to David Hoover, a Joplin insurance agent, the Mission Hills estate was developed and built by Buck Buchanan, a successful area mine operator. The estate was built sometime in the 1920s.

BUCHANAN WAS ALSO KNOWN, according to Joplin businessman Ray Sharp, for his building of the Joplin Stockyards located one-half mile east of Mission Hills.

The time and effort Buchanan put into the home and in developing the cattle industry made the estate a piece of property that made its mark in this area.

Following Buchanan's death, the home and property were purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallower who treated it with the dignity and fine care Buchanan practiced.

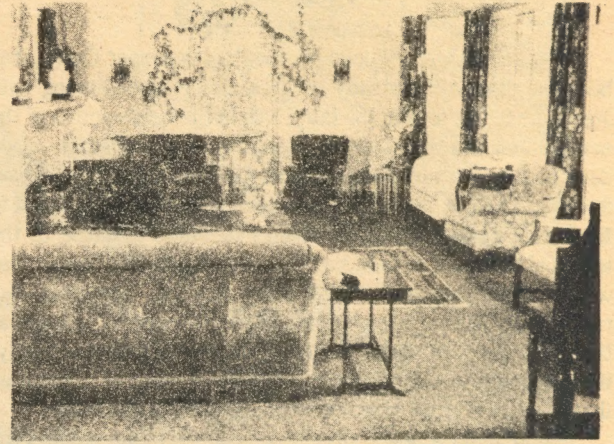
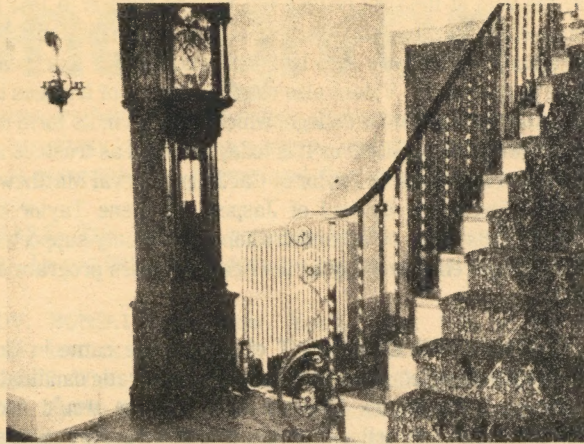
Originally from Harrisburg, Pa., Wallower was known in the area as a successful miner. He was particularly known for his rich zinc mine, the Golden Rod, located near Cardin, Okla.

Wallower actually did some mining along the Turkey Creek on the south side of Mission Hills. He had little success as he ran into water problems.

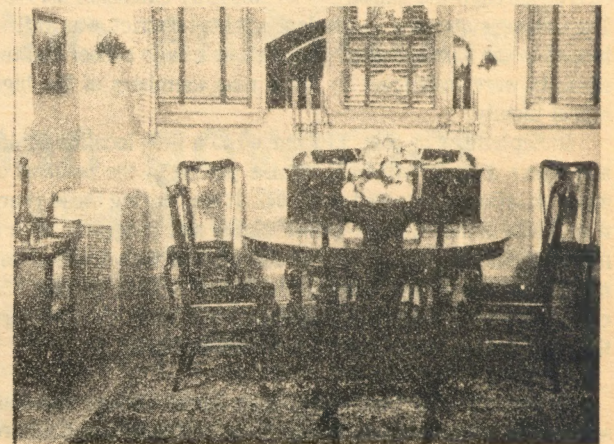
THE WALLOWERS MADE several additions to the estate including a beautiful 60 x 190 foot spring-fed swimming pool. Remains of the pool are now located in the valley south of the mansion. One of the proud features of the home was a 62 foot tunnel running from the basement underground to the well room. Wallower enjoyed this because it provided easy access to the well in the winter-time.

Wallower and his wife, Juanita, were quite accomplished in raising cattle. They bred and developed a registered Hereford herd on the farm. According to Mrs. Elizabeth Post, a long-time Joplin resident, Mrs. Wallower made pets of the cattle and took great care in raising them. Mrs. Post mentioned a story concerning rustling. During the period the Wallowers raised cattle, they had some rustling occur. Although one might not expect the cattle to be recovered, they were. While away visiting in another state, Mrs. Wallower noticed some cattle in a field and recognized that they were hers.

Throughout the many years the home and property were owned by the Buchanans and Wallowers the fine and very advanced features of the estate were recognized by many.



FADING PHOTOGRAPHS show the entrance hall and stairway at the south entrance to the old mansion (upper left), the living room (upper right), the music room (lower left), and the dining room (lower right). All rooms have been converted either to offices or classrooms for use by the college.



Still today, one may see them by touring the mansion, the remaining farm buildings, including the Barn Theatre, and the pool and lakes area.

THE TOTAL LAND AREA of Mission Hills numbered 618 acres. Throughout the changing of the seasons the beauty of the landscaping can be viewed still today.

The beauty of the valley and remains of the lakes, the spring and pool may be seen from the terrace in front of the home at the top of the bluff. An exquisite formal garden and fountain (remains are along the north side of the Business Administration Building), flower and vegetable gardens located North and West of the house respectively, and a small orchard proved to be great complements to the home and its surroundings. Landscaping was done by Hare and Hare Landscape

Artists of Kansas City. In their design they featured only 61 native plants and trees with many foreign, exotic plants and trees used.

As the ranching program developed at the estate, a well balanced farming and pasture improvement program were followed under the supervision of the Agricultural Extension Service at the University of Missouri. Facilities were excellent with four barns, each with running water, estimated to have cost \$20,000 at construction time. An elaborate wash room was attached to one barn also containing a utility room with natural gas furnace, hot water heater, two-car garage space, office space and a 12x12 cork-lined cold room. Also a 300 tone Cickey Silo still stands today near the Barn Theatre. The ranch portion even had its own blacksmith shop.

If one tours the mansion today, the beautiful style of a by-gone era is evidenced as a description of the home written by Joplin realtor Rolla Stephens points out. "Inside the home one does not find pretentiousness in construction. The interior as a whole reflects the dignity of careful choosing and contrasting effect; the charm, general harmony, and beauty that are attained only through simplicity."

THERE WERE 11 ROOMS in the home including a formal living room, dining room, three bedrooms each with a private bath, kitchen, breakfast nook, cocktail lounge, patio room, and a large basement with laundry room. The nine section American Radiator Heating Unit was convertible to coal, coke, gas or oil.

The well for the main dwelling was deep with a storage tank and multi-stage Pamona pump. A circulating hot water system also showed the modern design.

Two dwellings, a maids quarter, and a guest cottage, both featured fireplaces and separate wells.

The interior of the home was exquisitely set off by the mosaic tile fountain in the living room, African mahogany paneling, and maple floors. Many fixtures were of bronze.

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING MODERN feature was the three-way light switches very scarce at the time of construction.

The exterior of the mansion and the smaller dwellings were designed in the Spanish California Mission design of stucco with tile roofs. As someone once stated, "Under the spell of the charm of this estate one would scarcely be surprised to glimpse gaily clad vacqueros riding across the landscape or hear Mission bells tolling vespers."

When the property was sold to the Jasper County Junior College in 1964 the potential for a well designed campus was envisioned. Who, when this estate was developed during the first half of this century, ever imagined that a sprawling ever-progressing four-year college would one day occupy the grounds?



FORMAL GARDENS with the Guest House in the rear were to the north of the mansion which now houses the business administration division. The guest house was used for some years as the Crossroads office and is now being remodeled to provide office space.

Spiva served as spark in drive to buy campus

By LARRY DYMOTT
(Chart Staff Writer)

"Little George Spiva, as he was affectionately known to everyone." In an article written by Missouri Southern Regent Norval Matthews, one of Joplin's finest business and civic leaders is avidly described as everyone came to know him.

George Spiva, a life-long Joplin resident, was the son of another successful Joplin resident, George N. Spiva, who was also known for his business and civic activities. Born February 26, 1904, George A. Spiva attended Joplin schools, Western Military Academy, and was graduated from the University of Missouri. At the University he was involved in many activities including the Beta Theta Phi fraternity.

MR. SPIVA HELD HIS FIRST job working for his father at the DuPont Powder plant northwest of Joplin in what is today the Briarbrook section. He drove a powder truck, and from this his business endeavors began and multiplied.

He was associated with his father in the powder company, Conqueror Trust Company (forerunner of the First National Bank), where he served on the board until his death, and Spiva Investment Company. He was involved in real estate, farming, and banking. The investment company owned many familiar city buildings such as the Spiva Building, the Cunningham Building, the Liberty Building, and the Fox Theater. At one time, Mr. Spiva owned Crocker Packing Company and the Lincoln-Mercury dealership.

Mr. Spiva showed his great love and hope for his community by his many civic activities.

HE SERVED ON THE CHAMBER of Commerce Board for three successive terms, the Gas and Tire Rationing Board during World War II, and on the Freeman Hospital Board at the time the new addition was authorized. Mr. Spiva also served on the boards of Eagle-Picher Industries, Four-State Broadcasters, Inc., and he was an original member of the Joplin Airport Board. He was also interested in the Boys' Club and YMCA.

"Little George," as he was called, was involved in the Masonic Lodge becoming Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, the second highest honorary degree in Masonry, Abou Ben Adem Shrine of Springfield, Mo., and the Joplin Shrine Club. He also belonged to the Kiwanis Club, Elks Club, and Joplin Club.

A tribute which speaks well of the man was the presentation of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce "Outstanding Citizen Award." This was presented "for his outstanding contributions to the cultural, art, and civic functions of the city over a long period of time."

ONE OF THE MOST VISIBLE showplaces of Joplin today is the Spiva Park at Fourth and Main Streets, which Mr. Spiva built as a tribute to his father, George N. Spiva. Mrs. George A. Spiva, in a conversation with this reporter, emphasized that this was her husband's pride and joy.

Two hobbies of Mr. Spiva which were spoken of by Mrs. Spiva and her daughter, Mrs. John Cragin, were art collecting and membership in the Merle Evans Tent of Circus Fans of America. In collecting art, he obtained many pieces from abroad. Membership in the circus organization stemmed from his fascination with circuses.

Possibly the most important and outstanding contribution of Mr. Spiva was his promotion of a college for Jasper County following the creation of Jasper County Junior College District. Through his concern and love for Joplin he once again came through with an anonymous contribution of \$104,000 worth of DuPont stock certificates to kick off the drive for purchase of a campus, the Mission Hills Estate. His generosity was not revealed until his death. As Norval Matthews stated in referring to the George A. Spiva Library at MSSC, "The building stands as a memorial to a man who did what he could that every boy and girl in Jasper County could have an opportunity for higher education." Today a painting of Mr. Spiva hangs as a further tribute. The painting is on the second floor of the library.

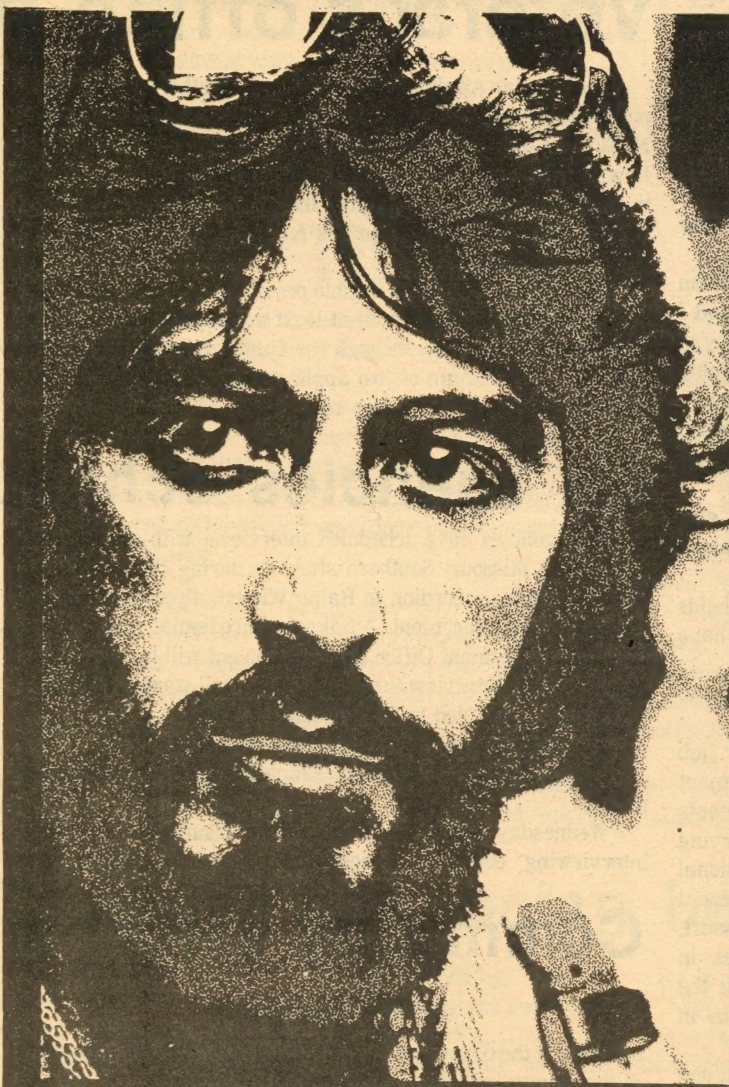
MR. SPIVA SPOKE but a few protesting words when given praise, "Anything I've ever done was selfish on my part because of my love for Joplin."

Upon his death on May 2, 1967, a resolution was set forth in the Missouri House of Representatives by Rep. Raymond Birk along with Rep. Robert E. Yo. Rep. John W. Webb, and Rep. Harry E. Hatcher, paying an ultimate tribute to this man who as a businessman, civic leader, and philanthropist "continuously demonstrated his love for an understanding of his fellowmen by his generosity and philanthropic support of numerous civic, educational, and cultural advancements for Joplin and the state of Missouri."

As the Kansas City Star said on the day of his death: "George A. Spiva, 63, a quiet, almost timid philanthropist who had a passionate love for his town, died in Joplin today."



GEORGE SPIVA (right) poses with then Gov. Warren Hearnes in front of the George A. Spiva Library on the Missouri Southern campus. The library was named in honor of Mr. Spiva in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the college.

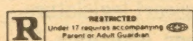


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Full text of interview with Gov. Bond given

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the recommendation from the coordinating board.

CHART: How many people are on the Coordinating Board?

GOV. BOND: It's a nine member board.

CHART: And they were chosen or appointed by you?

GOV. BOND: By me. With the advice and consent of the Senate. One of them, the nomination of William McCalpin is held up by the coordinated backing of the Senate. So there is this one vacancy on the board—and I think there is another vacancy—until such time as confirmation occurs.

(At this point there is an exchange between Gov. Bond and an aide as to whether there is a vacancy on the board or not, other than McCalpin's.)

CHART: Gov. Bond, are you going to reaffirm publicly this year the support you gave last year to full-state funding for the two colleges?

GOV. BOND: I will support the recommendation of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. I will base my decision on the Coordinating Board's.

CHART: On national affairs, what do you think will be done to strengthen the Republican Party nationally?

GOV. BOND: The Republicans are in office; they hold important posts yet today. But the actions of President Nixon and Vice President Agnew hurt the Republican Party nationally. The Republican Party must continue to support its traditional positions of fairness in campaign financing and practices, with emphasis on eliminating problems of divisiveness. I think we've done that in Missouri, and in other states the Republican Party is beginning to do that up to the national level. As a party we have to expand our base and show that we are concerned with the real needs of the people and the nation. In addition, I think the Republican philosophy which emphasizes free enterprise, individual needs and freedom, with emphasis on effective state and local government is one which best suits the needs of the people. To the extent we develop effective, responsive, and calculated programs, then I think we can regain the momentum we lost last year. Finally, it would be disastrous for the Republican Party to fall in the trap of devouring ourselves and canonizing other Republicans. A few would want to establish another ideological party. That would be disastrous.

CHART: Do you think the party will pick up those seats—some of them, to a proportionate ratio—those seats which they lost last year in national elections?

GOV. BOND: I think the real key to how the Republican Party does nationally is how well President Ford does. And I think he's going to—I think his quiet, effective and open way in his manner is going to restore confidence, and I think he is going to be able to develop programs to meet pressing economic, energy, inflation, recession problems that face the nation. But if he does that, I think, portions of the party will pick up nationally.

CHART: There has been talk of you as a possible vice presidential nominee in 1976. Do you have any aspirations along these lines?

GOV. BOND: No. I feel that the job I'm in right now holds the greatest challenge and the greatest opportunity, and I have no plans outside of this office.

CHART: What are you doing concerning unemployment in Missouri?

GOV. BOND: That's our number one priority. Our job program. We have proposed an increase in unemployment benefits so that those who are out of work will receive payments that do keep up with inflation. More importantly, we are trying to develop jobs so that Missouri can do better than the national average. We are better off relatively now than the national economy. We're trying to attract new businesses to Missouri, and more importantly, encouraging existing businesses in Missouri to expand. Expanding industries in Missouri in the past two years have brought 56 per cent of the new jobs in Missouri.

CHART: Last year, in an effort to trim the state budget, you cut some funds to institutions of higher education. This year, under the full-state funding proposal, each college would receive \$600,000 (I believe) additional from the state. How would this effect the budget? Would it be a boon to higher education in the state?

GOV. BOND: That's going to depend upon the decision of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Whether they recommend it or not. I've recommended a substantial increase in junior college funding right now on the basis of the Coordinating Board's recommendation. I am supporting a bill to permit the Coordinating Board to devise systems on the same basis as systems in which funds are provided to four-year institutions. And we have increased—a substantial amount of the increase we have recommended to the higher education budget this year goes into junior colleges, a very significant sum. Junior colleges, commuter colleges have very important roles to play in the 1970s, in the 1980s. We have recommended about 4.3 million dollars to be set aside for the Coordinating Board to support the addition the public provided in House Bill 526. . . to provide aid to public junior colleges up to 50 per cent of the state rated average operating costs and credit hours, to provide greater flexibility in planning. . . One reason the Senate has not confirmed Bill McCalpin as chairman is they felt he was too friendly to junior and community colleges. Bill McCalpin was a charter trustee of the St. Louis Junior College district, and he feels very strongly that junior colleges have the answers for the future.

CHART: What do you think would happen if a third party of conservatives were formed on the national level?

GOV. BOND: I think it would be a disaster. We have a two-party system, and if the conservatives left the Republican Party and the Republican Party split itself into Republicans and Republican-Conservatives, it would assure the continued strength of the Democratic Party and would assure the adoption of the Democratic congressional policy which has generally been a larger and more expensive federal government as the solution to every problem.

CHART: Gov. Bond, sir, we thank you for your time.



A STUDENT exhibits ability on rings, one of the many facilities of the college gymnasium.

Veterans office processing loans

The Veteran Affairs Office at Missouri Southern is currently processing veteran educational loans for veterans attending MSSC. The loan program was established as a part of Public Law 93-508. Additional benefits approved included an increase in monthly educational benefits, increased tutorial assistance and an extension of nine months for educational benefits for bachelor degree study.

Basically, a veteran is eligible provided he is in attendance at an education institution on at least a half-time basis and is unable to obtain a loan through the Guaranteed Student Loan Program. A minimum of two applications and denials for the Guaranteed Student Loan are required.

The amount of the loan is determined by the amount which the student's educational expenses exceed his or her available financial resources. The loan may not exceed \$600 in any one regular academic year.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible after classes actually begin. A fee not to exceed three per cent will be collected prior to payment in order to provide a fund to insure against defaults under this law. Repayment begins nine months after the student graduates, drops out of school, or drops below half-time. The interest rate currently is eight per cent and begins at the end of the nine month period specified.

Additional information and applications are available through the Veteran Affairs Office.

Six agencies schedule job interviews

Six agencies have scheduled interviews with prospective graduating Missouri Southern students during the months of April and May, according to Ralph Winton, director of career counseling and placement. A full set of credentials must be on file in the Placement Office before a student will be allowed to register for an interview time. Interviews will start at 8:30 a.m. on the day scheduled in the Placement office.

The agencies and dates for interviews include:

Today: Missouri Division of Employment, interviewing all majors.

Wednesday, April 9: The Western Insurance Company, interviewing computer programmers, and or math con-

centration.

Thursday, April 10: Tri-State Motor Transit, interviewing all majors.

Monday, April 14: United Fidelity Life Insurance Co., interviewing all majors.

Wednesday, April 16: Mutual of Omaha, interviewing all majors.

Thursday, May 1: Missouri Division of Employment, interviewing all majors.

Additional interviews are being scheduled through this semester and will be announced as they become available.

Community effort aids in founding

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east side of the city of Joplin, accessible to all the outlying areas of the county including Carthage and Webb City.

"I have emphasized my efforts on behalf of MSSC more than anything I have worked at. MSSC is my first love," says Rep. Young.

The actions taken in this session of the Missouri legislature will be the most important concerning higher education in

Jasper County since the passage of the bill that created the college in 1965. The legislature will be voting on a full state funding issue that, if passed, will dramatically change the manner in which the college is administered and financed. Many of the same legislators who were influential in the passage of the first bill will reappear to work for the full state funding measure and the measure, if passed, will signify yet another step in the development of Missouri Southern State College.

Unheralded, but . . .

Mail room serves campus

By GARY HARRIS

The job of sorting and handling all of the incoming and outgoing mail at MSSC is sometimes a tedious and nerveracking task, but the mailroom crew on campus headed by Aaron Mooney keeps the operation running as smooth as clockwork. He is by no means a newcomer to mail or data processing as he has held positions with the Empire District Electric Company as a mail carrier, press operator, and forms designer; and with the Scientific Data Systems as the print shop supervisor. He also was connected with the Marquardt Corporation of Van Nuys, California as leadman over printing and blueprint sections. Since he returned to Missouri late in the summer of 1969 he has been supervisor of printing and mail services at MSSC.

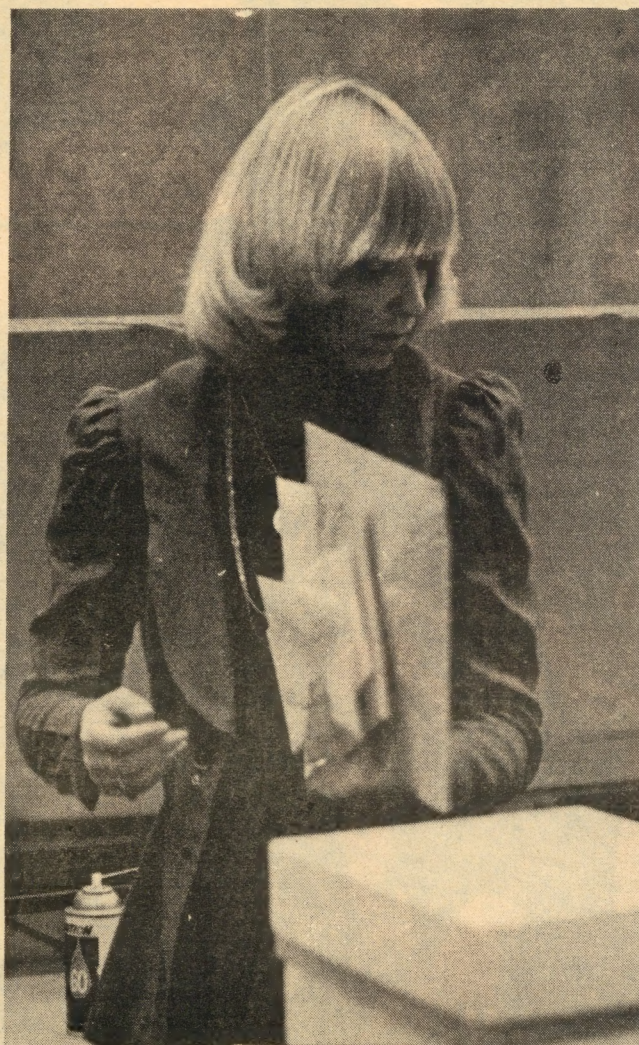
With the tremendous amount of mail that passes through the mailroom it is easy to see that this is more than a one man job. He is assisted by Terry Allen, Shirley Marti, and Jo Ann Turner.

Terry Allen began work for the college as a full time secretary in August of 1972, and had previously been employed with BIC Loans and the Credit Bureau, both of Joplin. She assists Mooney in the mail office parttime, alternating with her services in the office of Ron Robson of Public Information. A 1971 graduate of Memorial, she is engaged and living in Joplin.

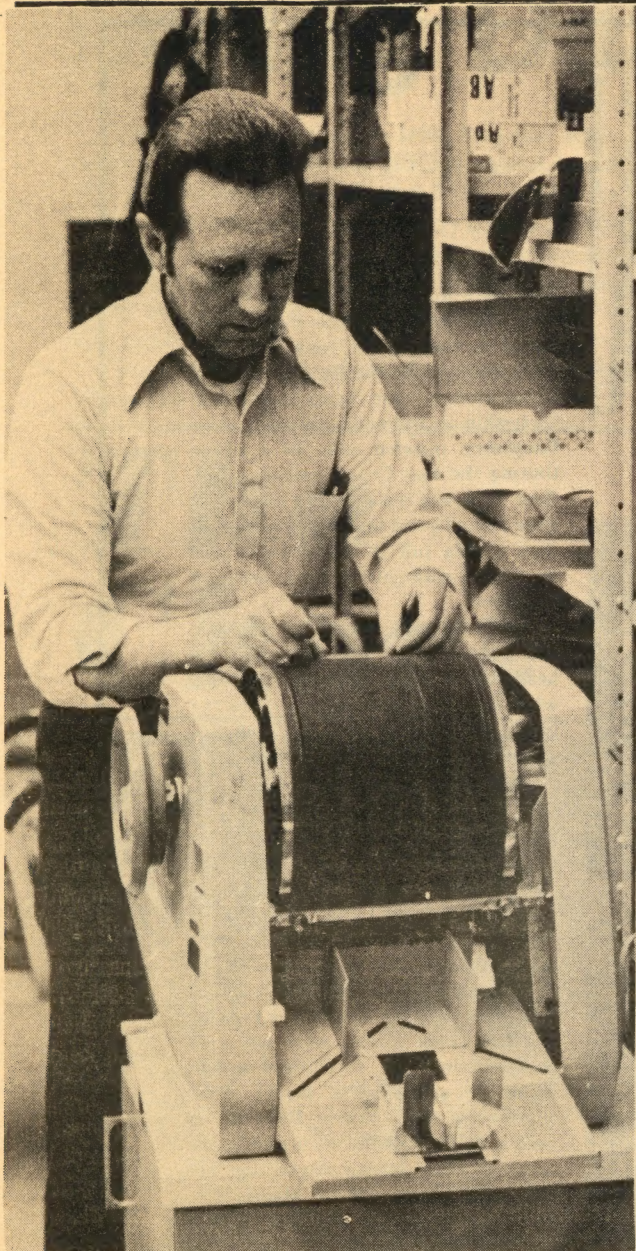
Jo Ann Turner, one of the student helpers, is currently an accounting major. She helps in the mail room from 2-5 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays. Commenting on her working relationship with Mooney, Jo Ann remarked that "he has more patience than any other person I know."

Shirley Marti, a graduate of Lamar High School, is a sophomore at MSSC. She helps with the sorting of the mail and with operating the copying and press machines.

The mail room is located in Room 110 of Hearnese Hall and is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays. Anyone wishing postal services may be attended during this period.



TERRY ALLEN



DALE MOONEY

At summer's end,

Charles Evans to retire

By LOVETRA BROWN

After serving five years at MSSC as professor of political science, four of those years as head of the department of social science. Charles Evans will retire at the end of the summer term this year. He will be replaced as department head by Dr. Robert Smith.

When asked if he intended to follow the pattern of most retirees, Evans emphatically declared, "No indeed, I have too much to do to engage in sports like hunting and fishing, I intend to teach."

Having reached the age of retirement last September, Evans is no longer eligible to teach full time at MSSC, but may still be employed on a part time basis.

"BEING IN GOOD HEALTH, I hope to teach full time," he explains, "And at present, I am seeking a full time position." He adds, "However, my plans are indefinite."

Charles McKinley Evans was born in Des Moines Iowa, but was reared in St. Louis. He was graduated from Roosevelt High School in St. Louis. Although approximately 3,000 students attended Roosevelt, with all classes being held under one roof, Evans had high praise for the dedicated instructors at that school, some of whom were graduates of German Universities. He believes they gave him a good background for further study.

He attended Phoenix Junior College at Phoenix, Ariz., then secured his bachelor of science degree from Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College at Kirksville. His master of arts was later obtained at the University of Kentucky at Lexington. He is at present a candidate for Ph.D. degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

ALONG WITH HIS ACADEMIC background, Evans also inherited a love and deep respect for the history and the political processes of this country and the world. His mother, who was Jessie McKinley was a niece of John C. McKinley who was elected Lieutenant Governor of Missouri in 1904, and later served three terms in the Missouri Senate.

He is presently working on a book which deals with the situation in the Mid-East, and which will probably be published in April.

With the end of this semester, Evans will have taught 41 years. Twenty six of those years were spent at colleges and universities. The other years included employment in high schools as a teacher and as principal, and also as superintendent of schools.

"I'VE NEVER WORKED at anything except teaching," Evans states, "except for summertime employment in order to support myself during the college years."

His experiences in the teaching field have been varied and include: Dean of LaJunta Junior College in Colorado; dean of students at Pueblo Junior College in Colorado; instructor in economics at Colorado College in Colorado Springs; associate professor of education at Mississippi State College in Starkville; dean, Elgin Community College, Elgin Illinois; head, department of correspondence and extension instruction, University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and chairman, department of social science, Phoenix College. Immediately prior to coming to MSSC, Evans served as associate professor of History and political science at the State College of Arkansas at Conway.

His professional honors include: Blue Key, National Honor Society; Phi Kappa Delta, National Forensic Society; Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society; Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society.

Evans and his wife, who is also a teacher by profession, reside in Joplin at 4115 College View Drive. They have been married forty years and are the parents of two daughters, both of whom live in Arkadelphia, Ark. Charlotte is a Reference Librarian at Arkansas University and Mary is a kindergarten teacher.

Geography students complete map

Students at Missouri Southern in the geography of North America class have completed work on a service function map of Joplin. The information has been sent to the Department of Geography and Geology at Southwest Missouri State University where it will be integrated into an over-all survey of the area. The service map includes the location and identification of

all manufacturing and commercial concerns, public sites and buildings and residential areas.

Members of the class include Harold Alkire, Jill Sears, Lew Raines, Fred Gann, Jim Cook, Patty Bingham, Lee Faaborg, Keith Patterson, Jeanne Holz, Greg Holz, Glen Johnson, and Lesley Hill. Dr. Robert Smith instructs the class.



AS IN ANY POSTOFFICE, the College mailroom has banks of postal boxes through which faculty members and campus organizations receive mail. The mailroom is located in Hearnese 110.

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"Serious Enough Not To Be Serious"

by WALTER DAWSON

MEMPHIS—If you've ever been at a concert and felt the need to get up and do a little two-step but all your friends were just sitting there listening... wait. There's a band coming out of this city called Larry Raspberry and the Highsteppers that's gonna have a whole lot of people up out of their seats.

In the past year or so, the Highsteppers have done more to promote dancing in Memphis than anyone since Arthur Murray opened his studio downtown. With their fine swingola-boogie-rock 'n roll, they've established a reputation as crowd-killers in clubs throughout the Southeast.

That reputation was helped recently by a certain vice president of Epic Records who was in town visiting Stax's president Jim Stewart. Stewart played him the Highstepper's first album, *Highsteppin' and Fancy Dancin'*, which has just been released on Stax's Enterprise label. Then he played it again, and then again. By the time the evening was over, the vice president was on the phone persuading Don Kirshner's "Rock Concert" to book the Highsteppers sight unseen — which is damned quick progress for a "relatively unknown" band.

"It happened so fast," says Raspberry, "and we had gotten so up for it that by the time it was over, we were all still up for it. It was like eatin' okra, it was gone before we knew we had any of it."

Raspberry, the Highsteppers' founder, guitarist, pianist, and main lead singer, is a longtime rock 'n roller, going back to the middle sixties when

he was in the Gentrys, a band remembered mostly for a little ditty called "Keep On Dancin'" that reached the top of the national charts. Maybe it's because of his long association with the music business that Raspberry rejects the whole idea of "rock stardom," and when he formed the Highsteppers, he put together a working band, a band that'll go out, play their asses off for three or four hours, and be insulted if the audience isn't enjoying it as much as they are.

Carole Ferrante, the band's No. 2 lead singer (in quantity of songs not quality of voice) and their philosopher-in-residence, says the band's approach is: "You've got to be serious enough not to be serious about it." Somehow, cryptically, that sounds like what a lot of rock 'n roll is about. In a more lucid moment, she'll explain that "one thing we really try to work hard for is to get the people not to feel that it's a concert element, you know, where people just sit there and watch you."

Like a recent night down at Lafayette's Music Room, a club that is to Memphis what Max's Kansas City is to New York. Despite an enthusiastic set, there were still some people holding on to their chairs, and Raspberry finally had to just lay it out for 'em:

"I ain't gonna finish this song 'til you get off your asses. You, c'mon get up." One insurance salesman type didn't budge, but Raspberry doesn't put up with any jive. He figures you pay your money and you're entitled to have a good time — whether you want it or not.

After a bit more haranguing, the

young executive jumped up, gave Raspberry the finger and the standard two-word explanation that goes with it. "That's right," answered Raspberry, "you can't do that sitting on your ass, can you." And, Jesus Christ, the young exec. had a sense of humor — as the band broke back into the song, there he was, the next one out on the dance floor.

Although Raspberry still subscribes to the philosophy endorsed in the Gentrys' "Keep On Dancin'," he has greatly cultivated his taste in material and today wields a mean pen when it comes to writing rock 'n roll. All nine songs on the album are Raspberry originals, and his abilities are best summed up in "Road Blues," a song that contains parts of just about every style the band does. It opens in a bluesy, swing-type "Frankie and Johnnie" manner, with Raspberry sounding like a Southern Leon Russell. (But Raspberry's voice is underpinned with a really solid range; and where Russell's Midwestern twang has a tendency to break up at extremes, Raspberry can bend his and push it just about anywhere he cares to). After six verses, "Road Blues" breaks into a fast-driving Chuck Berryish tale of a musician's life on the road that is one of the finest pieces of story-telling rock in a long while.

But Raspberry also has his harsher side. "Road Blues," despite its down lyrics, has a good-feeling honky tonk air to it, but "Jive Ass," is totally contemptful in its picture of that type person we all encounter too frequently. "But if the price was right baby/you'd burn out both your eyes."

After his stint with the Gentrys, Raspberry joined Alamo, a short-lived band that went into the studio, produced its own album, took it to New York and sold it to Atlantic right off. Unfortunately, the band lacked the leadership to follow things up, and so Raspberry traveled solo for a while, touring the East Coast until he got to New York and realized that the woods were full of good solo performers with their hands full of their own sheet music and with guitars slung over their shoulders.

By this time, Raspberry's writing had evolved to the point where his head was hearing band arrangements while his hands were putting down the music. So it was back to Memphis, where he formed the Highsteppers.

The aforementioned Ms. Ferrante, with her stunning voice, gives the band a whole different direction to work in. Unlike all the slick singers from the Bette Midler school, Missy Carol (as the boys call her) can take a torch song and give it the tough tenderness it's supposed to have. (Listen to "Boomtown Blues" on the album.) And next to Tina Turner, she's one of the few chick singers who can meet really driving rock 'n roll head-on and make it shake. The band's right rhythm section, Rocky Berretta on bass and Bill Marshall on drums, is the result of their having played together for seven years. (Think about that, seven years. You've just got to have SOMETHING worked out together in seven years.) Their last undertaking was a blues-rock band called Uncle Jam Band, which attracted a lot of attention in the South before it broke up.

Greg 'Fingers' Taylor, who got his alias because of his piano playing, joined the Highsteppers on mouth harp by jumping on the bandstand one night, grabbing one of the band's harmonicas off a nearby amp and settling in. Taylor plays a crisp harp, nothing really fancy but punctuating the melody line with a rough finesse. The band's two horn men come from strangely different worlds. Jerry McKinney, who handles the flute, saxophone, and clarinet, picked up some of his styling from touring extensively with Ace Cannon, a charter member of the Beer Joint Sax Hall of Fame. Joe Mulherin, who plays trumpet and flugelhorn, paid his dues in the classical field and worked on *Hair* and another musical produced by the *Hair* people.

Besides making their presence felt in Southern music circles, the Highsteppers also have hit the road with Memphis rocker Don Nix in a production called simply Don Nix-Larry Raspberry and the Highsteppers Revue. Nix also sits in frequently when the band's playing in town, as do many of the city's best studio musicians. It's not uncommon to see someone stroll on stage in the middle of a Highsteppers' show and just pick things up. (That's about what happened the night Nix brought along one of his friends, John Mayall, but the club — if you can believe it — had to close before Mayall had a chance to play).

The Nix-Highsteppers revue recently took a swing through the Midwest, and another tour is planned for the West Coast. "We're gonna play from Phoenix to Seattle," says Raspberry. "But it won't be a record company flash tour type thing. We're gonna go by car when we can." Just like a REAL rock 'n roll band.—